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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. H. A. Reisch et al., "Novel phenoxy and thiophenoxy substituted poly(*para*-phenylenevinylene)s", Macromol. Chem. Phys. **200**, No. 3, (1999), pp. 552-561.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,817,430 issued October 6, 1998.

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